

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bryan H. Davidson on August 18, 2009.

The specification is amended as follows:

"Drawings" has been changed to --Brief Description of the Drawings--

After paragraph 0013 insert --Fig 5 shows the axis of rotation of the display part--

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

--An electric pipette comprising a body having vertical and horizontal axes, a tip part for receiving and discharging a liquid, a hook part for stabilizing the pipette during use, a push-button part for actuating a piston for drawing liquid into and discharging liquid from the tip part, and a display part for monitoring a volume of liquid drawn into and/or discharged from the tip part, wherein the display part is rotatable about the horizontal axis of the pipette body so as to permit inclination thereof at an angle α relative to the vertical axis of the electric pipette body, and wherein the electric pipette includes at least two parts rotatable through angles ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , and ϕ_3 about the vertical axis of the electric pipette body, wherein the rotatable parts are selected from the group consisting of the hook part, the push button part, and the display part--

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest an electric pipette having a display that is rotatable about the horizontal axis of the pipette body, and at least two parts rotatable about the vertical axis of the pipette body.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dwan A. Gerido, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)270-3714. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on (571) 272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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